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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.**

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.